

LEAD BASED PAINT REQUIREMENTS

The HOME program is impacted by HUD's Lead Safe Housing Regulations.

In 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued rules for renovation. They apply to renovation in pre-1978 housing (target housing). They also apply to pre-1978 child-occupied facilities (daycare centers, kindergartens).

Beginning April 22, 2010, renovators must be certified. They must also follow lead-safe work practices. The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) will carry out these rules in Iowa. Certified people will be called "lead-safe renovators."

Please review the link below to determine if lead based paint requirements must be met for your project.

http://www.idph.state.ia.us/eh/common/pdf/lead/faq_122909.pdf

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DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Contractors, painters and landlords now face state fines if they don't take certification training and take proper precautions before working on walls, windows or doors that are covered with lead paint.

The Des Moines Register reports that state regulations have been in effect since April last year. Officials have held off on the fines, giving contractors and landlords plenty of time to become aware of the new rules and to comply.

But since last week, those who don't observe the rules have faced fines that can reach \$5,000 per incident.

The rules don't apply to residents who do the work themselves.

Lead paint is common in older buildings, and renovations often stir up dust and paint chips that children can swallow or inhale. The lead can cause brain damage.